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C-141 keeps patients moving

Bringing back American heroes

*Story and photos by Maj. Ted Theopolos
445th AW/Public Affairs*

The increasing numbers of troops being wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom are from small-arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades or now, remote-controlled devices. The Pentagon states that just since Aug. 1, 297 troops were wounded. The Washington Post stated in a Sept. 2 article that ten American troops a day now being officially declared "wounded in action."

How these brave men and women get medivac out of the Middle East for further medical care is the primary duty for the C-141 aircraft and the airmen that operate and maintain them.

"We're bring back American heroes, so keep sharp and stay alert," said command pilot Lt. Col. Brian Dominguez, 356th Airlift Squadron commander, during the in-flight briefing to his squadron crew members. The aircrew of seven, three pilots, two flight engineers and two loadmasters were preparing to bring back wounded, sick and injured out of Baghdad.

Just before take off from Wright-Patt, a small problem arose. Maintenance looked into the situation and found a wiring harness that was causing a light to stay on at the engineers panel where Master Sgt. Terry Harlow was stationed. After about an hour, the flight got on its way thanks to the skillful maintainers.

The flight's first stop was Dover AFB, Md., to load equipment before heading over the Atlantic. Two rolling stocks and two pallets were loaded by loadmasters Chief Richard Hayes and



Above: Medical personnel unload patients onto an ambulance bus from a C-141 that just returned from Kuwait.



Left: Command pilot, Lt. Col. Brian Dominguez, (left) and copilot, Maj. Dan Dooley, speak with the flight engineer on the flight to the Middle East.

Master Sgt. Dennis Lott. Fifteen space-A passengers also boarded, but another problem popped-up during the preflight check. This time the problem could not be fixed, so the mission was delayed one-day.

Although the crew was concerned about the aircraft, they seemed more centered on not being able to meet the mission timeline to fly to Baghdad.

The next day the flight departed without a hitch with the aircraft landing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany just seven minutes after quiet hours was over. Quiet hours in Germany are from 11 O'clock at night to 7 O'clock the next morning.

As airman started to unload the equipment and supplies, another wing's C-141 just arrived from Baghdad with patients. Awaiting their arrival were two ambulance buses to transport the patients to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for medical care.

The Army medical center is approximately four-miles from Ramstein and is the largest U.S. medical center outside the borders of the U.S.

Engineers and loadmasters quickly secured the aircraft as the command pilot and copilots, Maj. Dan Dooley and Capt.

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Give thanks for everything

by Ch, Capt. Bill Dickens
445th AW/Wing Chaplain

In a few weeks we will sit down to turkey and dressing. We will eat until we feel sick. We will then settle down into our chairs to fall asleep watching the Dallas Cowboys or Detroit Lions. At the end of the day, we will say that we have "celebrated Thanksgiving." Sadly, this is how many of us celebrate Thanksgiving every year.

This has been a trying year for all in the military. Extended calls to active duty, deployments, family separations, and financial hardships have made 2003 a year to remember. It has also reminded us of the importance of little things. This summer I was on a Medical Evacuation flight from Al Udiel AB, Qatar to Ramstein AB and then from Ramstein AB to Andrews AFB. I observed the med-techs and flight nurses serving hot dogs and chocolate chip cookies to our returning troops. It does something to a person to see a 19 year old soldier tear up because he "gets" to eat a warm hot dog and cookies, especially when you discover he has been eating MRE's for months.

I have resolved this year to be thankful for the "little things," even for the common day-to-day annoyances that remind us we are alive. The Apostle Paul reminds of this in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Not just the good or pleasant things, but "everything!!" This is our challenge for this Thanksgiving season.

Remember to pray and be thankful for our soldiers, sailors and airmen and their families as they defend our freedom. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season.

Look Sharp, Be Sharp

Your image is everything

by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling
445th AW/Public Affairs

Winter is upon us, it has come earlier than usual this year, and everyone is reaching for their coats and cold weather gear in response. The Farmer's Almanac is even forecasting a rough, hard, and cold winter ahead of us. Remember, even though we are bundled up in layers we're still in uniform.

When we are in uniform we need to be **IN** uniform. Lately a good amount of discussion has been traveling through the wing regarding what should be worn. The Air Force has made it simple to find the answer, it created a clothing regulation and uniform instruction.

The Air Force's Instructions regarding uniforms (AFI 36-2903) clearly states what is authorized to wear from under-shirts through outer garments and backpacks. The issue regarding the wear of specific outer garments, such as the Gortex and/ or its liner, has come to the fore-front of recent discussions.

The instruction states what the Air Force has authorized as outerwear and those garments include the field jacket, Gortex jacket, flight jacket, both types of sweaters (cardigan to be buttoned when outside), light-weight blue jacket, all-weather coat, and overcoat. Those are the only items listed as authorized outerwear; liners by themselves are never outerwear.

Some items are often assumed to be authorized and are, but may not be what you think. Items like scarves or earmuffs are authorized but only with specific uniforms and colors. Scarves are authorized when wearing the battle dress uniform, or BDU, but only a gray scarf is authorized and it must be tucked in and not exceed 10 inches in width. Now

when wearing the blue uniform, guys we're out of luck, no scarf with the blues. But ladies you can wear a white or gray scarf if it adheres to the size restrictions of 10 inches wide, and is tucked in.

Now, I mentioned earmuffs, everyone wins with earmuffs. Earmuffs can be worn with a multitude of uniforms, they can be worn with BDUs, service dress (men's, women's, and maternity), mess dress and semiformal, but they have to be solid black, dark blue or gray.

Other garments that need mention are gloves, mittens and hats. Gloves and mittens are authorized, but there is a catch as you would expect. They can only be black, gray, or green (flight gloves only) in color, and leather, knitted, tricot, or suede and any combination there of.

Just as with the other items I have mentioned, hats also have specific guidance in the AFI. For example, the winter hat, you know the one with the ear flaps, can only be worn with full length garments like the blue all-weather coat or parka. Just so you know the all-weather coat can be worn with BDUs.

Many similar situations exist with our Air Force uniforms, but when a question arises regarding a uniform authorization issue, just take a moment and check the reg, AFI 36-2903 or contact your first sergeant. The Air Force has placed the instruction in a format that enables easy keyword search, all you have to do is click on the binocular icon and type your word, also most orderly rooms, first sergeants and supervisors should know where to find this information, don't be afraid to ask.

We are all representatives of the United States Air Force. In today's joint operational environment we are the example, let's be the example. Look sharp and be sharp, image does matter.

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American heroes

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Mike Baker from the 445th Operations Support Squadron went to air command center to report in. Because of the one-day delay, the Baghdad trip was given to another aircrew. The wiry eyed crew went into crew rest for the day and then placed in Bravo status the next day. Bravo status is a backup aircrew to fly medical evacuation if an emergency arises.

The following morning, another Wright-Patt crew arrived from Kuwait with more patients.

"We waited about six-hours on the ground for a C-130 who was bringing us a critical patient," said Lt. Col. 'Hawkeye' Pierce from the 89th Airlift Squadron who was a pilot on the flight. "The ground time was long, but we waited for the soldier to arrive and be loaded. That's what we're here for."

That afternoon a C-141 with aircrew from the 459th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB, Md., was preparing for a medical evacuation flight downrange while another Wright-Patt crew was preparing to transport American heroes back to the U.S.

The same afternoon Dominguez receive a call from Maj. Ken Zoba, and was notified that his crew was assigned to go to Kuwait. Zoba, a pilot also from the 356th AS, deployed to Germany to help with scheduling missions. The major is not alone; there're 16 maintenance and 2 life-support personnel from the wing also there supporting the C-141 mission at



Chief Hayes does paperwork on the cargo being transported to Germany. The Chief has been a loadmaster on C-141s since the Vietnam War.



Medical personnel from Camp Wolf, Kuwait, unload a war wounded patient from a desert painted ambus to the awaiting C-141 for transportation to Ramstein AB, Germany. (Photo by MSgt. Dale Fletcher)

Ramstein.

Aircrew members arrived at the flightline that afternoon, to preflight the aircraft. Reservists assigned to the 491st Aeromedical Evacuation were also there to configure the aircraft for the medical portion of the flight with respirators, medical supplies and litters. The mission was on its way hours before sunset.

The aircraft arrive in Kuwait under the cover of darkness. The aeromedical quickly deplaned and another climbed aboard as the medical crew continues their rotation cycle in and out of the Middle East.

Engineers quickly called for gas to be brought out to the aircraft before the patients arrive.

In the distance, you could see Kuwait City over the vast desert like terrain. The weather was clear and breezy with temperatures in the mid 80s, but was slowly starting to climb as dawn broke. The American compound, Camp Wolf was closer and you could see three American flags flying over the compound. Camp Wolf receives wounded from the field brought in by C-130s, helicopters or motor vehicles.

The pilots left for base operations to file a flight-plan while both flight engi-

neers Harlow and Master Sgt. Dale Fletcher check the aircraft and engines. Loadmasters Hayes and Lott installed ramps for a walkway for patients and medical personnel to carry litters on the aircraft.

Deployed aeromedical crew, some from the 452nd Air Mobility Wing at March ARB, Calif., strategically loaded the aircraft by carrying and securing 10 litters and then 30 ambulatory patients.

With less than three and half-hours on the ground, the aircraft was on it way back to Ramstein. Medical crew members kept a vigilant eye on the patients for any signs of discomfort or for anyone needing medial assistance. They distributed pillows, blankets and smiles. The crew kept busy helping patients to the restroom, serving MREs and trying to keep them comfortable during the nine-hour flight.

The aircraft arrived that evening at Ramstein after a 23-hour duty day to an all too familiar seen. Two ambulance buses were waiting to take the patients to the Army medical center, while two other Wright-Patt planes were parked on the ramp as one was taxiing out for takeoff to take more American heroes back to the states. The cycle continues.

Cooperation is the key

NATO partners join in a spirit of peace

by Maj. Michael Cooper
445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Medical personnel from the 445th Airlift Wing joined military personnel from eight NATO nations and 12 partner nations in a Partnership for Peace exercise in Bulgaria. The exercise, known as Cooperative Key 2003 was held Sept. 1-13 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria and was designed to promote dialogue, cooperation, and interoperability between NATO and partner nations when conducting peace operations.

Nineteen members of the 445th Aerospace Medicine and Aeromedical Staging Squadrons, including physicians, nurses, physician assistants, medical technicians, and health care managers represented the 445th Airlift Wing at the European exercise.



Tech. Sgt. Sheryl Olmstead, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, plays the role of a patient on board a Hungarian Mi-8 "Hip" helicopter. (Courtesy photo)

Fighters and other aircraft from former Warsaw Pact adversaries flew continuously, but the air was filled with a spirit of friendship fostered by free nations standing together as partners to preserve peace through strength. The normally tranquil Bulgarian countryside, with farmers harvesting their crops and shepherds tending their flocks, reverberated with the rhythmic sounds of helicopters from Lithuania, Hungary, Turkey and Sweden sweeping across the open plains on combat search and rescue missions.

Meanwhile, members of the wing, led by Lt. Col. (Dr.) John Ellis, 445th AMDS, practiced the skills of saving lives on the battlefield. After several days of intensive workshops on subjects ranging from aircraft operations to combat medicine, medics established field treatment facilities and prepared to process casualties through the aeromedical evacuation system. Thanks to the creative expertise of Maj. Melissa Triche, Capt.

Romeo Cabungcal and Tech. Sgt. Sheryl Olmstead, 445th AMDS, young Bulgarian soldiers volunteering as simulated patients arrived by helicopter, truck, and fixed-wing aircraft complete with wounds, which appeared to have been created on a Hollywood back lot.

Working from a tent with minimal equipment, medics treated multiple casualties. Combat conditions were simulated to the greatest extent possible and the flow of casualties was continuous.

"This was an awesome experience", said Maj. Melissa Triche, 445th AMDS, Medical Services Corps Officer. Triche was also Deputy Director of the medical exercise. "I've never seen such a wonderful spirit of cooperation, we came away with greater confidence in our ability to provide battlefield care and evacuation."

One of the unique experiences of this training was the opportunity to become familiar with allied aircraft. 445th medics flew as crewmembers on Russian made Mi-8 "Hip" and the French designed AS 532 "Cougar" helicopters. Others members had the chance to fly aeromedical evacuation missions on Antonov 26 and Antonov 72 fixed wing aircraft operated by the Lithuanian and Bulgarian Air Forces.

Several participating nations will soon join the NATO alliance and were eager to show their readiness to serve as capable partners. A Latvian pilot proudly displayed his aircraft, an An 26 "Curl", used to transport minimally wounded patients. The crew, trained in Russia, was very experienced, each having several thousand hours of flight time. The Bulgarians, Romanians and Moldavians also seemed thrilled to show off their aircraft. Excited to show their capabilities and learn from others, they greeted each visitor with a warm smile and hand-shake, while breaking open boxes of equipment with the exuberance of children at show-and-tell.

Capt. Romeo Cabungcal, a nurse with the 445th AMDS, experienced Bulgaria from a different perspective. Riding in an old army jeep, he passed along cobblestone streets through quaint European villages, often slowed by cattle or other livestock having no sense of the right of way. Cabungcal made his way to a remote valley to pose as a downed aviator, accompanied by survival instructors from the United States and Sweden. Their destination was a picturesque valley nestled among majestic mountain ranges of the type quite suitable for ski resorts. In fact, the landscape much resembled parts of the



Western United States such as Montana, Utah or Wyoming. Once at their destination the survival experts hurriedly set about to construct ground to air signals using materials at hand. The survival specialists used rocks, branches, or any material that would be easily seen from the air, and challenge nature's predilection against straight lines.



Three members of the 445th Airlift Wing and a member of the Canadian Air Force lift a "wounded" soldier during the September NATO exercise in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. (Courtesy photo)

The instructors generously shared their knowledge of age-old land navigation techniques and survival skills, but the technological edge enjoyed by the United States and its NATO allies was also brought to bear. Utilizing the PRC-112 survival radio system, friendly aircraft were summoned to aid the "downed aviator." This high-tech equipment combines features of a radio and a global positioning unit to send or receive voice and text messages. The messages can be encrypted to avoid interception by the enemy. Soon, radio contact with friendly forces was made, and a flight of fighters thundered over the peaceful farmland. Within minutes of the friendly fighters arrival, two Hungarian Mi-8 helicopters swooped from the sky to rescue the downed aviator.

Capt. Andrew Connor, a physician assistant with the 445th AMDS led one of the medical crews on the rescue mission. "The experience was exhilarating," said Connor. "There's no question this realistic training will help us save lives should we be called upon to do the real thing. The training was intense."

Intense as the training was, members of the 445th did have the opportunity to relax and learn more about the NATO partner nations. The first week culminated in a hangar party featuring food and beverages representative of each country. Participants mingled and traded items such as unit patches, flags and pins as a token of friendship. There was also local



Staff Sgt. Britney Lawson, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, assists a Slovakian doctor in attending to a "wounded" soldier. (Courtesy photo)

music and dancing. On the weekend, the NATO/AIRSOUTH staff arranged bus tours of local attractions, including historic Old Plovdiv and ancient Roman ruins.

Cooperative Key 2003 concluded in a grand finale of air show demonstrations and static displays attended by senior officers and local dignitaries. In total, over one thousand personnel, including nearly one hundred medical personnel, participated in Cooperative Key 2003. Overcoming cultural differences and language barriers, medics of the 445th Airlift Wing joined our partner nations in a common bond to preserve life and safeguard those at the "tip of the spear" who protect our freedoms.



Staff Sgt. Britney Lawson, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, arrives in a jeep. (Courtesy photo)

Recognizing our employers

by Mary Allen

445th AW/Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) sponsored an Employer's Recognition Day here on Oct. 4.

Reservist and individual mobilization augmentees (IMAs) from Wright Patterson AFB nominated their employers to spend the day with the unit to show them an inside look of our mission and how the unit is supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The employers received a breakfast with Brig. Gen. Rusty Moen, 445th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. Glen Flike, IMA to the F-16 SPO, to include an overview of the base and the 445th.

They proceeded to receive a rare glimpse of the C-141 simulator and a sense of the tense training the pilots go through. While employers rotated thru the simulator others listened to the 445th Services Flight demonstrate the meals ready eat (MRE) as the aroma of the meals being cooked filled the room.

Following the simulator, the employers put their skills to the test by shooting a 9-mm weapon on the 445th Security Forces' Firing Arms Training System (FATS).

After the FATS the group then traveled onto the flight line for their flight and much



Ms. Linda Cudd of the Montgomery County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities "has her pulse checked" by Lt. Col. Kathleen Peterson of the 445th Operations Group. Ms. Cudd is facility director for the MCMRDD's Adult Services Center. Peterson is a flight nurse senior evaluator in the 445th OG's Standardization & Evaluation section.

to their surprise the aircraft was the historical C-141, the "Hanoi Taxi".

During the flight, employers viewed the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES) personnel in training and experience being a patient on a litter. Ms. Cudd said that participating in Employer Recognition Day was "The most fantastic experience I have ever had." She added, "Many, many other employers (of reservist) should get involved in this. It gives you a whole new appreciation for our reservist and what they do." Senior Airman Sanson Baker, a tradi-

tional reservist with the 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, was Ms. Cudd's sponsor.

At the end of the day, the employers received a wing coin along with a special American desktop flag funded by the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association with the following words engraved on the base, *Flight of Honor; This American desktop flag was in the Middle East on a C-141 aircraft evacuating wounded soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sept. 8, 2003.*

Courage above and beyond

Reservist puts training to the test

by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling

445th AW/Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Jude Soriano, 445th Maintenance Squadron called upon his military training to save three lives on Interstate 70 near Cambridge, Ohio.

Sgt. Soriano was traveling on the interstate when he discovered a vehicle underneath the guardrail on an overpass.

"I pulled over and approached the car as the driver was exiting the car, when I looked in the car I found two teenage boys pinned in their seats," said Soriano. "I noticed the youth in the back seat was bleeding bright red from a head wound in the temporal region, indicating an arterial wound. I knew from my training that the youth was in dire need of medical attention, so I applied the techniques that we are all taught annually in our self-aid and buddy care classes."

"I knew from my training that the youth was in dire need of medical attention."

Tech. Sgt. Soriano

Occurring simultaneously, the father was taking care of the victim in the front seat, who was missing teeth and bleeding, but was responsive and coherent, and an Ohio State Patrol Officer and an off-duty nurse were approaching the vehicle. The nurse climbed into the back seat to help Soriano with a first aid kit.

Soriano continued his aid of the victims by assisting the paramedics when they arrived and providing comfort to the victims. As the Life-Flight helicopter arrived the stress of the situation set in on the father and he broke down watching his son being taken from the car and loaded into the helicopter.

"As I drove away from the scene I noticed that my clothes were covered in blood, I needed to continue on to Wheeling, W. Va.," explained Soriano. "Once there I called the Cambridge

hospital to check on the status victim."

Two days after the accident, Soriano continued going above and beyond by calling the father to ask about the status of the boys. He found out that the boy in the back seat needed 120 stitches, while the child in the front required reconstructive surgery. On July 9, he took a moment to contact the mother inquiring about their condition and offered a prayer for speedy recovery.

Welcome and Congratulations!

Promotions

Congratulations to the following personnel, recently promoted to the rank indicated.

Major

Michael Baker, 445 OSS
Charles Huff, 445 ASTS
Kathleen Stierwalt, 445 ASTS
Melissa Triche, 445 AMDS
Scott Williams, 445 ASTS

Captain

Todd Haifley, 356 AS

First Lieutenant

Scot Crowell, 356 AS

Senior Master Sergeant

John McDermott, 445 AMXS

Master Sergeant

Melissa Reich, 445 OSS

Technical Sergeant

Robyn Yeager, 87 APS
Frankie Lowder Jr., 445 SFS
Wade Hurst, 445 MXS

Senior Airman

James Luoma, 445 CLSS
Robert Thomas, 445 CES
Robert Nieman, 445 CES

Airman First Class

Amanda Edge, 445 AMDS
Darrick Davis, 445 AMXS
Terry Quellet, 445 CES

Airman

Spencer Fisher, 445 AMXS
Sunny Saltzman, 445 ASTS
James Kilpatrick, 445 AMXS
Jaime Roberts, 445 CF

Newcomers

Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:

Lt. Col. Oliver Loyd, 445 ASTS
Maj. Michael Breitweiser, 445 ASTS

Capt. James Fisher Jr., 445 AW
1st Lt. Nancy Rheinfank, 445 ASTS

TSgt. Craig Barnett, 445 AMXS
TSgt. James Doyle, 356 AS

TSgt. Robert Aguilar, 356 AS
TSgt. Evelyn Petrosky, 87 APS

SSgt. Marlo Foster, 445 AES
SSgt. Jason Haifley, 445 AMXS

SSgt. Amanda Roberts, 445 ASTS
SSgt. James Sebetto, 445 CES

SSgt. Sharon Stanford, 445 AMDS
SSgt. Tina Stewart, 445 AMXS

SrA Kimberly Boyles, 356 AS
SrA Charles Crawford, 445 CES

SrA Jeffrey Edens, 445 SFS
SrA Pamela Honeycutt, 89 AS

SrA Naomi Miller, 445 SFS
SrA Rachel Songer, 445 AES

SrA Robert Taylor, 445 LRS
A1C Jarrod Applegate, 445 SFS

A1C Michael Benzing, 445 AMXS
A1C Blaine Best, 445 CLSS
A1C Ross Blackburn, 87 APS

A1C Anthony Borgia, 445 OSF
A1C Megan Brewer, 445 CES
A1C Steven Cramer, 87 APS
A1C Sheridan Davis, 445 CLSS
A1C Amanda Fitzpatrick, 445 CES

A1C Stephanie Fullenkamp, 445 MXS

A1C Ryan Gaunt, 445 ASTS
A1C Tiffany Griffin, 445 AMDS

A1C Robert Harris Jr., 445 CLSS
A1C Ardrell Hill, 445 CES

A1C Brian Jackson, 445 CES
A1C Anne Marriott, 445 AMDS

A1C Martin Moleski, 445 CLSS
A1C Robert Nieman, 445 CES

A1C Christopher Ruff, 445 SVF
A1C Andrew Vantress, 445 AMXS

Amn Darrick Davis, 445 AMXS
Amn Thomas Masters, 87 APS

AB Erica Lozano, 445 OSF
AB Sunny Saltzman, 445 ASTS

AB Ryan Burtnett, 445 LRS

AB Spencer Fisher, 445 AMXS

Reenlistments

Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently re-enlisted in the Reserve.

MSgt. Max Hostetler, 445 MXS
MSgt. Kip Michael, 445 SFS

MSgt. John Wesley, 89 AS
TSgt. Eric Baldridge, 445 CES

TSgt. Lawrence Deiters, 445 MXS
TSgt. John Hammon, 445 AMXS

TSgt. Gerald Johnson Jr., 445 AES

TSgt. Joseph Kotsko, 445 AES
TSgt. Mary Papanek, 445 MSF
TSgt. Eric Ratcliff, 445 CES
TSgt. Paul Taynor, 445 CES
TSgt. Brett Warner, 445 SFS
TSgt. Troy Whitaker, 445 LRS
TSgt. Michael Yeager, 445 MXS
SSgt. William Akers, 445 SFS

Awards

Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned awards.

Meritorious Service Medal

SMSgt. Phyllis Felix, 445 AMDS
TSgt. Mary Bortz, 445 MXS
TSgt. Steven Brown, 445 OSS
TSgt. Gary Hanby, 445 OSS
TSgt. Michael Lomaka, 445 AMXS

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt. Michael Reynolds, 445 AW
TSgt. Deborah Claridy, 89 AS
TSgt. Rex Schlosser, 87 APS
TSgt. Maurice Upshaw Jr., 445 OSS
SSgt. David Worrell, 87 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Capt. M. Douglas Knight, 445 MSS
TSgt. Kathrine Barnes, 445 MSS
TSgt. Kimberly Capers, 445 MSS
TSgt. John Westermeyer, 87 APS
SSgt. Robert Bowles, 445 OSS
SSgt. Brian Knouse, 445 OSS

Make a difference, Now Your opinion matters

The Air Force Climate Survey begins Wed. Oct. 1 and will run until Nov. 23. The 100-question survey can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period.

The 2003 survey will cover 13 factors that measure work experience: job, resources, core values, leadership, supervision, training and development, teamwork, participation and involvement, recognition, unit flexibility, general satisfaction, unit performance outcomes and job enhancement.

This year, the survey includes the Reserve, Guard, civilians, non-appropriated fund civilians and students in a temporary-duty status.

The Chief of Staff will use the results to improve things from the top down. Air and space power is achieved when officers, enlisted and civilians speak their mind on how the service should move forward into the 21st century.

Thirty minutes of your time is a small investment when you consider the changes you can effect. Please logon and let the Reserve Command voice be heard.

Wing Notes



Miami Valley and Wright-Patterson AFB Combined Federal Campaign 1 Oct - 14 Nov 2003

Reservist who wish to give a lump sum amount can contact the unit's CFC Representative, 2nd Lt. Melissa Oakley at 257-6981.

Deployable personnel

All members of the 445th who require gas mask inserts and aircrew who require prescription eyeglasses may update their prescriptions with the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at the Medical Center's Optometry clinic.

This can be accomplished on Saturdays of the UTA when physicals are given from 0800 to 1500.

The best time to do this is during your annual RCPHA unless you have had a recent prescription change and expect deployment before your next annual exam.

For more information, contact the 445th AMDS at 257-5200.

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Physician stars in recruiting video

by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling
445th AW/Public Affairs

The 445th Airlift Wing's medical community was highlighted once again in an Air Force Reserve Command recruiting video on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The video, which is targeting civilian physicians and medical professionals who might consider something different to do on the weekends other than golf, took place along side the 445th Employer Support Day.

Col. (Dr.) William Hurd, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron com-

mander, provided commentary for the filming and answered questions regarding the Air Force Reserve's missions of aeromedical evacuation, staging, critical care air transport, and also the flight surgeon program.

The goal of the video is to provide information about the Air Force Reserve medical programs and the various educational, professional, and personal opportunities afforded to its membership.

The video will be approximately 10 minutes and will be shown at conferences and other functions that will be attended by medical professionals.



Col. (Dr.) William Hurd, 445th Aeromedical Staging Squadron commander, is being interviewed for an Air Force Reserve Command recruiting video. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling)